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SUBJECT: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

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1. DURING MEETING WITH FONMIN DJERMAKOYE JUNE 12 ON
OTHER MATTERS, I ASKED HIM FOR GON'S REACTION TO RECENT
DEVEKOPMENTS ON MALI/UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE. HE SAID
GON DEPLORED OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS
DISGRACEFUL MISUSE OF NATIONT EZMURCES WHICH SHOULD BE
USED FOR RECOVERY FROM DROUGHT AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.
HE WENT ON TO CONFIRM THAT PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE AND GON
DELEGATION WOULD BE ATTNDING MEETING NEXT WEEK IN LOME.
HOPEFULLY THE VARIOUS LEGAL AND OTHER COMMISSIONS STUDYING
PROBLEM WOULD COME UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO CHIEFS
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OF STATE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THEM WITH FORMULA FOR SOLUTION

SATISFACTORY TO BOTH PARTIES. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, HE WAS PERSONALLY VERY PESSIMISTIC THAT SUCH FORMULA COULD BE FOUND AND HE ANTICIPATED DISPUTE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM FOR AREA FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

2 CONFIRMING PRESS REPORTS THAT KOUNTCHE WOULD BE ATTENDING NEXT OAU SUMMIT IN KAMPALA, DJERMAKOYE SAID ONE OF REASONS FOR PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE WAS THAT HE EXPECTED DISPUTE WOULD END UP ON OAU AGENDA AND AS MEMBER OF LOME MEDIATION COMMISSION HE SHOULD BE PRESENT FOR WHATEVER DEBATE TOOK PLACE ON THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM.HECK

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